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GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT
OF THE
ROSSES OF DALTON,
IN THE
COUNTY OF DUMFRIES,

FROM THEIR FIRST SETTLEMENT IN SCOTLAND, IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY,
TO THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1854.

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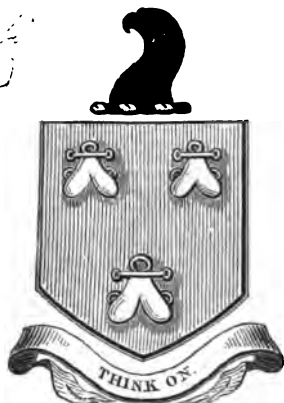
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ROSS OF DALTON.



SIR ROBERT DOUGLAS, in his *Peerage of Scotland*, CAMDEN, in his *Britannia*, and CRAWFORD, in his *History of Renfrewshire*, agree that the ROSES of Halkhead, the progenitors of the ROSES of DALTON, were originally seated at Wark, in England, and took their designation from the lordship of Ros, in Yorkshire. They subsequently settled on the south-western coast of Scotland, where, by the earliest records known to exist regarding them, they appear as vassals of Richard de Moreville. The first authenticated head of the family that has been traced, is

GODFREY DE ROS, who obtained from Moreville the lands of Stewartoun, in Ayrshire, and witnessed many of his charters, along with JAMES, Reginald, and Peter de Ros, his sons. The eldest son,

SIR JAMES DE ROS, made a donation to the Monastery of Paisley of some lands in Stewartoun, for the welfare of his soul. He was either the father or grandfather of

ROBERT DE ROS, who witnessed the agreement between King WILLIAM I. and King JOHN, 7 Aug. 1209; a charter of ALEXANDER II., 1214; and accompanied his majesty to England in 1217. He witnessed charters in 1238, 1250, and 1263, and d. soon afterwards.

SIR GODFREY DE ROS, probably his son, was father of another

SIR GODFREY DE ROS, who, in 1281, confirmed to the Monastery of Paisley some land in the town of Stewartoun, thus, "Dominus Godfridus de Ros, miles, filius et heres Domini Godfridi de Ros, confirmasse, &c., illam terram in villa de Stewartoun, quam ex collatione Domini Jacobi de Ros, tenend. et possidend." Among those who swore fealty to King EDWARD I., in 1296, were Jacobus filius Godofredi de Ros, senior, et Jacobus filius Godofredi de Ros, junior, 28th July, and Andreas filius Godofredi de Ros, 29th July. Robert de Ros and William de Ros likewise swore fealty, 5 Aug. 1296, and Wautier le Ros the same year. Godofridus de Ros was one of those ordered to be released from prison by EDWARD I., 30 July, 1297, on condition of serving him beyond seas. Godfrey de Ros was sheriff of Lanarkshire in 1310. Among the charters of King ROBERT I., is one to Robert Boyd, of the lands of Kilmarnock, Bondingtown, Hertsaw, &c., quae fuerunt Joannis de Balliolo, Godofridi de Ros, filii quondam Reginaldi de Ros, Willielmi de Mora, et Roberti de Ros. The son and successor of Sir Godfrey de Ros was

ANDREW DE ROS, the father of
SIR GODFREY DE ROS, who held the office of sheriff of Ayr in 1334, when he submitted to the Steward of Scotland, acting for DAVID II. Godofridus de Ros, miles, had a writ of safe convey from King EDWARD III., to conduct Richard Talbot into England, 2nd April, 1335, and another, 16 Oct. 1358. He was in England, 16 May, 1365, when a writ of safe convey was granted to William de Ros coming to him in that kingdom. Godofridus de Ros had a safe conduct into England, 11th June, 1369. Among the notices in Robertson's Index, under DAVID II., is the forfeiture of Godfrid Ros, in the barony of Stanehouse, Lanarkshire; and a charter to Godfrey Ros, of Cunninghamhead, of the mill of Craigie, in Perthshire.

JOHN DE ROS, of Halkhead, presumed to be the son of Godfrey, had, under the designation of Johannes de Ros, a safe-conduct to come into England, cum duobus equitibus, 25 Oct. 1357. Johannes Ros had a safe conduct into England, 20 March, 1359; again, 26 Oct. 1362, to pay his devotions at the shrine of St. Thomas of Canterbury; also, for the same purpose, on 26 April, 1363. His son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who, under the designation of Dominus Johannes de Ross, miles, Dominus de Halkhead, witnessed donations to the Monastery of Paisley in 1392 and 1397. He m. Agnes, dau. and heiress of Sir John Melville, of Melville, with whom he got that fair barony on the banks of the North Esk, in the co. of Edinburgh. By her he had a son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who had a charter of the barony of Melville, as heir of his mother, in 1401, and quartered the arms of Melville with his own. He was appointed heritable constable of the Castle of Renfrew, with a grant of the customs at the principal fairs of that borough. His son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, was, along with James Douglas, brother of the Earl of Douglas, and James Douglas, brother of Lochleven, the combatants against three Burgundian knights, 1449, in presence of JAMES II. and his court. He had a charter, Johann le Ross, de Hawkbede, militi, of the lands of Tarbart, in Ayrshire, and Auchenkak, in Renfrewshire, on the resignation of Robert Ross, of Tarbart, 17 Jan. 1450-1. He had a writ of safe convey, under the designation of "John Ross, Knight," to pass through England along with William, Earl of Douglas, dated 12 May, 1451; another, as "John de Ross, Dominus de Halkhead," dated 27 May, 1459; also charters of Lochtilow, in the barony of Bathgate, Stariaw, and Denys, dated 16 July, 1468; and a commission, under the great seal, of the office of sheriff of Linlithgow, for life, dated 9 March, 1472-3. Sir John Ross de Halkhead, miles, was one of the ambassadors to England, to whom a writ of safe convey was granted, 24 Aug. 1473, and dying soon afterwards, was s. by his son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who eventually became JOHN, 1st LORD ROSS, and one of the conservators of a treaty with the English, 20 Sept. 1484, under the designation of "John Rosse de Halkhede, miles." Dominus de Halkhead, Ross, occurs among the barons in the parliament, 3 Feb. 1489-90; and Ross de Halkhead is inserted among the Domini Barones in the parliament 11 March, 1503-4. He had, under the designation of "John Ross of Halkhead," a charter of part of the barony of Auchinbothy-Wallace, 17 Feb. 1490-1, and obtained a charter under the great seal, dated 11 March, 1501-2, confirming a donation of the king, quondam Joanni, Domino Ross de Halkhede, militi, avo Joannis, Domini Ross, de Halkhede, militis moderni, of the island of King's Inch, in Clyde. He had charters addressed to him, "John, Lord Ross, of Halkhead," of the lands of Dikbar, Castlebar, and Matthewbar, 30th July, 1502, and of Rallston, in the co. of Renfrew, 11th Feb. 1505-6, and appears to have died soon afterwards. Lord Ross left issue a son and a dau., namely,

JOHN, 2nd LORD ROSS, of whom presently,
Egidia, m. to James Auchinleck, whose father, Sir John Auchinleck, of Auchinleck, in Ayrshire, granted a charter, 3 March, 1480-1, of some lands to Egidia, dau. of Sir John Ross, of Halkhede, to take effect when they were married.

JOHN, 2nd LORD ROSS, of Halkhead, had charters granted to him, under the designation of "John Ross, of Melville, and Christian Edmonstone his wife," of the lands of Tortrevane, in the co. of Edinburgh, 27 Sept. 1490; and of the lands of Walterstown, in the co. of Stirling, Joanni Ross de Malvyn, militi, filio et heredi apparenti Joannis, Domini Ross, from his father, 31 March, 1499. After succeeding to his father, he had a charter, dated 21 Feb. 1508-9 (in which he is described as John, Lord Ross, of Halkhead), of the lands and baronies of Melville, Stanehouse, and Moss-house, in the co. of Edinburgh; and of Tortrevane, Prestoun, Walterstown, and Morningside, in the shires of Linlithgow and Stirling. Lord Ross fell at Flodden, 9 Sept. 1513, leaving by Christian his wife, dau. of Archibald Edmonstone, of Duntreath, two sons and a dau., viz., NINIAN, his heir; RANDOLPH, lineal ancestor of the ROSES of Dalton, whose descent will be given after that of his brother Ninian, and his sister Agnes.

I. NINIAN, 3rd LORD ROSS, of Halkhead, was, in 1515, one of the Scottish nobles despatched to France to get Scotland included in the pacification with England. He m. 1st, Lady Janet Stewart, 3rd dau. of John, Earl of Lennox, by whom he had a dau., Margaret; 2ndly, Elizabeth, dau. of William, 1st Lord Ruthven, relict of William, 5th Earl of Erroll, by whom he had a son that s. him at his death, as

JAMES, 4th LORD ROSS, who m. Jean, dau. of Robert, 3rd Lord Sempill, and dying in April, 1561, left issue, ROBERT, his successor; Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, whose son, WILLIAM, s. to the title as 10th Lord Ross; Elizabeth, m. to Allan, son of Mungo Lockhart, of Gleghorn; Jean, m. to Sir James Sandilands, of Calder. The eldest son,

ROBERT, 5th LORD ROSS, m. Jean, dau. of Gavin Hamilton, of Raploch, by whom (who m. 2ndly, Robert, 2nd Lord Melville, of Raith) he left issue at his death, in Oct. 1595, JAMES, his heir; and Grisel, m. to Sir Archibald Stirling, of Keir.

JAMES, 6th LORD ROSS, m. Margaret, eldest dau. of Walter, 1st Lord Scott, of Buccleuch, and at his death, in Dec. 1633, left issue by her, JAMES, 7th Lord Ross; WILLIAM, 8th Lord Ross; ROBERT, 9th Lord Ross; Margaret, m. to Sir George Stirling, of Keir; Mary, m. to John Hepburn, of Wauchton; Jean, m. to Sir Robert Innes, of Innes, Bart.

JAMES, 7th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his father on the 18th Sept. 1634, and d. unm. on the 17 March, 1638.

WILLIAM, 8th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his brother James, 8th Sept. 1636, and d. unm. in Aug. 1640.

ROBERT, 9th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his brother WILLIAM, 3 June, 1641, and dying unm. in Aug. 1648, the title and estates devolved on the heir male, Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, 10th Lord Ross, son of Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, 2nd son of James, 4th Lord Ross.

WILLIAM, 10th LORD ROSS, was served heir-male of Robert, 9th Lord Ross, 20 March, 1649, and was fined £3,000 sterling by Cromwell's Act of grace and pardon, in 1654. He m. Helen, dau. of George, 1st Lord Forrester, of Corstorphine, by whom, at his death, in 1656, he left a son,

GEORGE, 11th LORD ROSS, who, on the restoration of CHARLES II., was sworn a privy councillor, and appointed lieutenant-colonel of the royal regiment of guards. He m. 1st, Lady Grisel Cochrane, only dau. of William, 1st Earl of Dundonald, by whom he had, WILLIAM, 12th Lord Ross; and Grisel, m. to Sir Alexander Gilmour, of Craigmillar. Lord Ross m. 2ndly, Lady Jean Ramsay, eldest dau. of George, 2nd Earl of Dalhousie, by whom, at his death, in 1682, he left issue, Charles, of Balmagown, who d. unm. at Bath, 5 Aug. 1782; and Jean, m. to WILLIAM, 6th Earl of Dalhousie.

WILLIAM, 12th LORD ROSS, high commissioner to the Church of Scotland in 1704, and one of the sixteen representatives of the Scottish Peerage at the general election in 1715. He m. 1st, Agnes, dau. and heiress of Sir John Wylie, of Foulden, co. Berwick, by whom he had issue, GEORGE, 13th Lord Ross; Euphemia, m. to William, 3rd Earl of Kilmarnock; Mary, m. to John, 1st Duke of Arhol; Grisel, m. to Sir James Lockhart, of Carstairs, co. Lanark, Bart. Lord Ross m. 2ndly, a dau. of Philip, Lord Wharton, without issue; 3rdly, Lady Anne Hay, eldest dau. of John, 2nd Marquis of Tweeddale, by whom he had a dau., Anne, who d. unm.; and 4thly, Henrietta, dau. of Sir Francis Scott, of Thirlstone, by whom he had no issue.* His lordship d. at Halkhead, 15 March, 1738, in the 82nd year of his age, and was s. by his only son,

GEORGE, 13th LORD ROSS, who made a settlement of his estates, 17 June, 1751, on his son WILLIAM and the heirs of his body; which failing, on his dau., Jane, Elizabeth, and

Mary, respectively, and the heirs-male of their bodies; remainder to his nearest heirs and assigns. He m. Lady Elizabeth Kerr, 3rd dau. of William, 2nd Marquis of Lothian, by whom he left at his death, 17 June, 1754, WILLIAM, 14th Lord Ross; Jean, m. to John Mackye, of Palgown, she dying without issue, 19 Aug. 1777; Elizabeth, m. 11 June, 1755, to John, 3rd Earl of Glasgow, and had issue; and Mary, who d. unm. at London, 22 Oct. 1782.†

WILLIAM, 14th LORD ROSS, s. to his father 17 June, 1754, but enjoyed the title only two months, having d. unm. at Mount Tiviot, the seat of his uncle, the Marquis of Lothian, 19 Aug. 1754, in the 34th year of his age. The title became extinct; the estate of Balmagown went to his cousin, Sir James Ross Lockhart, after an ineffectual opposition from Sir Alexander Gilmour; and his other property devolved on his sisters.

II. RANDOLPH ROSS, lineal ancestor of the ROSES of Dalton, whose descent will presently be given.

III. Agnes Ross, who m. in 1520, John Boyle, of Kelburne, ancestor of the Earls of Glasgow, with whom passed as marriage dower a considerable portion of the estates of Halkhead.

RANDOLPH ROSS, of Roseshill, son of John, 2nd Lord Ross, and brother of Ninian, 3rd Lord Ross, of Halkhead, was infeft and had investiture of the lands of Roseshill, in the co. of Ayr, 20 Sept. 1515. He m. Anne, dau. of Lindsay of Crawford, and was slain at Pinkie, 10 Sept. 1547, leaving issue, PATRICK, his heir; Andrew, whose name occurs in various public documents in connection with the house of Ruthven, of which he seems to have been an adherent; WILLIAM, present at the marriage of his cousin James, 4th Lord Ross; Grace, who m. Alexander Chalmers, of Galdgirth; Anne, who m. Sir William Houston, of Houston; Agnes, who m. David Cameron, son of Cameron of Lochiel. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Roseshill Castle, was retoured heir to his father, 15 July, 1548; had a precept of sasine of the lands of Cornwath, in the co. of Ayr, 18 June, 1551, and obtained permission, under the great seal of Scotland, to erect Ross hill Castle, 16 Oct. 1556. He m. Frances, dau. of John Hallyburton, of Dirleton, and dying 14 July, 1586, left issue, PATRICK, his heir; John, who obtained a charter of the lands of Findhorn, co. Linlithgow; WILLIAM, who purchased the six-merk land of Craigmore, in the sheriffdom of Renfrew; Frances, who m. Henry Waterton, of Forres; Margaret, who m. Richard Renton, of Montragget; and Janet, who m. John Cunningham, of Summertown. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Roseshill Castle, obtained, 12 Nov. 1588, a confirmation-charter, under the great seal, of the estate of Roseshill, conjointly with Catherine-Maxwell his wife, and the heirs-male of their bodies, with remainders over to certain relations particularly specified and described. He left issue at his death, 12 June, 1593, WILLIAM, his heir; James, described in a wadset, 15 May, 1601, "of Tullimuch;" Catherine, Janet, and Margaret, mentioned in their father's testamentary disposition. The eldest son,

WILLIAM ROSS, of Roseshill, was retoured heir to his father 24 Oct. 1594; acquired by purchase the forty-shilling land of Portrichan, co. Ayr, 2 May, 1606; and was excommunicated for his adherence to popery at an assembly of Commissioners that sat at Linlithgow in July, 1607. He m. Margaret, dau. of Thomas Fotheringham, of Powis, and at his death, 1 March, 1614, he left issue by her, PATRICK, his successor; Edward, who served under the Earl of Caithness, in 1612, as a captain in the forces raised by JAMES VI. to suppress the rebellion of Orkney; Margaret, who m. Robert Macdonald, of Donaldtown, in the shire of Stirling. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Roseshill, was served and retoured heir to his father 28 Nov. 1614, and was amongst the Scottish noblemen and gentlemen at Berwick, 2 May, 1617, on the occasion of giving JAMES VI. a loyal reception on his entering, from the south, the northern portion of his dominions. He m. Anne, dau. of Sir John McKenzie, of Farbat, and at his

† Besides these four children that survived him, GEORGE, 13th LORD ROSS, had two sons that died in his lifetime, namely, George, who died without leaving issue, 24 June, 1740; and Charles, M.P. for the co. Ross, 1741, who fell at the battle of Fontenoy, 30 April, 1745, and on whose untimely fate Collins wrote a beautiful Ode containing these lines:—

O'er him, whose doom thy virtues grieve,
Aërial forms shall sit at eve,
And bend the pensive head,
And fall'n to save his injured land,
Imperial Honour's awful hand
Shall point his lonely bed.

* There must be some error or omission in regard to the above enumeration of marriages of William, 12th Lord Ross, as given in *Douglas's Peerage of Scotland*, it clearly appearing by a post-nuptial family settlement, which I have seen, in the charter-cabinet of the Coulthart family, dated 15th April, 1695, made between the Right Honourable William, Lord Ross, of Halkhead and Melville, of the first part; the Right Honourable Margaret, Lady Ross, his wife, relict of Major Dunch and Sir Thomas Seyllard, Bart., of the second part; and her Ladyship's trustees, Jeremiah Smith, of Pusey, co. Berks, Gent., and William Wright, of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., of the third part; that certain plate, jewels, household goods, and implements, which belonged to the said Lady Ross, as executrix of her deceased husbands, Major Dunch and Sir Thomas Seyllard, should not be claimed in any way by her then husband, the said Lord Ross, or his lordship's heirs, executors, or administrators.

death, 1 Dec. 1690, he left issue, NINIAN, his heir; William, an officer in the royal army; and Catherine, who m. William Connell, of Dromore, in the co. of Down, Ireland. The eldest son.

NINIAN ROSS, of Rosehill, was served heir to his father, 4 April, 1631, and being in his youth trained to the military profession, and in principles a decided royalist, he was commissioned to serve under the Marquis of Hamilton, in Germany, whilst CHARLES I. was assisting the King of Sweden to regain his territorial possessions. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Allerdice, of Allerdice, and by her had issue, NINIAN, his heir; John, designated in a wadset "of Strathbane, co. Dumbarton"; and William, "of Auchencbar, co. Renfrew." Mr. Ross d. 25 Dec. 1646, and was s. in the family estates by his eldest son.

NINIAN ROSS, of Rosehill, who was b. 6 Jan. 1641; served heir to his father, on attaining his majority, 6 Jan. 1662; entered the army 10 May, 1668; purchased the lands of Keir, in Nithsdale, from Richard Boyd, of Blackwood, 2 Feb. 1671; and alienated the old family estate of Rosehill to Meldrum of Craigford, 5 Aug. 1676. He m. Matilda, dau. of Fairley of Brade, by whom (whose marriage settlement bears date 9 June, 1671, and whose death occurred 20 Nov. 1699) he left issue at his death, 1 Dec. 1700, JOHN, his successor; Alexander, of Closeburn, co. Dumfries; Michael, of Aldgirth, in the said co. of Dumfries; Mary, Helen, Margaret, Elizabeth, mentioned in their father's testamentary disposition. The eldest son.

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, b. 6 July, 1672; served heir to his father 24 Nov. 1701; m. 1 June, 1698, Janet, dau. of James Grierson, Esq. of Tinwald, co. Dumfries, by whom he had issue, JOHN, his heir; William, a captain in the 1st regt. of the Guards; James, of Belfast, who m. Matilda, dau. of Robert Astle, Esq. of Ballykinlar, co. Down; Mary, who m. Edward Dawson, Esq. of Brownhill; Helen, who m. Robert Graham, Esq. of St. Mungo. He d. at Keir, 12 Oct. 1732, and was s. by his eldest son.

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, b. 7 Aug. 1699; m. 4 July, 1730, Helen, dau. of Andrew Galloway, Esq. of Perth, by whom he had issue,

i. JOHN, his heir.

ii. James, of Dermont, co. Dumfries, b. 2 June, 1738; m. 10 May, 1767, Elizabeth, dau. of James Graham, Esq. of Denbie Park, and d. s. p. 27 Nov. 1816.

iii. Alexander, of Maryport, co. Cumberland.

iv. Michael, of Aldgirth, in the parish of Closeburn, and of Smallholm, in the parish of Lochmaben, both in the co. of Dumfries, b. 30 Jan. 1737; m. 1 July, 1767, Agnes, eldest dau. of John Rae, Esq. of The Isle, co. Dumfries; and d. at Smallholm House, 5 April, 1807, leaving issue by his said wife (who d. 10 April, 1807), Joseph, who d. in Sept. 1832, aged 50 years; Elspeth, who d. 18 April, 1807, aged 35 years.

v. William, b. 14 Aug. 1741, in holy orders.

vi. Joseph, of Wellingborough, co. Northampton, and of Uppingham, co. Rutland, who d. a bachelor, circa 1815, leaving all his property, which was considerable, to his nephews and nieces of the name of Ross.

vii. Helen, of Maryport, co. Cumberland.

Mr. Ross d. at Keir, 25 March, 1768, and was s. by his eldest son.

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, Closeburn, St. Mungo, and Dalton, all in the co. of Dumfries, b. 25 Jan. 1732; m. 15 July, 1768, Margaret, dau. of Alexander Glendinning,* Esq. (and Agnes Johnstone his wife), of the Isle of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and by that lady (who d. 17 Jan. 1807) had issue,

i. JOHN, his heir.

ii. William, of Hightae, co. Dumfries, b. 17 March, 1770; m. 10 Sept. 1804, Hannah, dau. of Joseph Lindsay, Esq. of Liverpool, by whom (who d. 7 May, 1847) he left issue at his death, on 1 Jan. 1819, viz.,

1 Joseph, of Auchengray, in the parish of New Abbey, and co. of Dumfries, b. 24 June, 1808; m. 12 Nov. 1840, Agnes, dau. of William Stewart, Esq. of Glasgow, by whom he has issue,

William, b. 20 March, 1843.

Robert, b. 8 March, 1846.

Elizabeth, b. 5 Sept. 1845.

Agnes, b. 21 Feb. 1852.

2 Susannah, b. 12 Aug. 1805; d. 12 July, 1829, *unm.*

3 Mary, b. 9 Feb. 1813; m. 5 April, 1853, James Grieve, Esq. of Hightae, son of James Grieve, Esq. of Hawick, co. Roxburgh.

4 Hannah, b. 12 Nov. 1815; m. 2 Jan. 1853, William Little, Esq. of Lochmaben, son of the late John Little, Esq. of Tinwald, in the co. of Dumfries.

* From this gentleman descends Alexander Glendinning, Esq. of Seven-Oaks, co. Kent, who served as high-sheriff of that county in 1854.

iii. Alexander, of Captaintown, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 10 June, 1790; m. 8 April, 1808, Janet, 3rd dau. of John Reid, Esq. of Hodiam, co. Dumfries, by whom he has had issue,

1 John, of Markfast, in the parish of Urr, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 16 Feb. 1813; m. 16 July, 1844, Jessie, dau. of John McCubbing, Esq. of Dryburgh, in the parish of Crosemichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom he has issue,

John-McCubbing, b. 20 May, 1845.

Alexander, b. 4 May, 1847.

Jessie, b. 21 Jan. 1850.

Mary, b. 23 Aug. 1851.

2 Margaret, b. 29 Nov. 1808; m. 2 June, 1828, Robert Bell, Esq. of Upper Hardland, son of Thomas Bell, Esq. of Lower Hardland, in the parish of Balmaclellan, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom (who d. 8 Dec. 1847) she has had issue,

Thomas, b. 5 Dec. 1830.

Robert, b. 18 Sept. 1832.

Alexander-Ross, b. 31 Aug. 1841.

John-Bell, b. 27 April, 1844.

Janet, b. 14 March, 1829.

Agnes, b. 20 April, 1839.

Mary-Jane-Nelson, b. 26 Aug. 1846, and d. in infancy.

3 Jessie, b. 3 March, 1811; d. 27 April, 1819.

4 Catherine, b. 16 Feb. 1813.

5 Jessie, b. 20 April, 1821; m. 10 Jan. 1837, James Laurie, Esq. of Glenroan, in the parish of Crosemichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, second son of the late William Laurie, Esq. of Millbank, in the parish of Southwick, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,

Alexander-Ross, b. 27 Aug. 1839.

James, b. 8 April, 1841.

William, b. 4 Aug. 1850.

6 Mary, b. 6 Feb. 1824.

7 Nancy, b. 11 July, 1830.

iv. Joseph, of Halifax, co. York, b. 5 May, 1785; m. 4 Feb. 1819, Elizabeth, second dau. of the late John Beale, Esq. of Willington, co. Derby, and d. 5 April, 1850, having had issue,

1 John, b. 24 June, 1828; d. 18 June, 1830; interred at Square Chapel, Halifax.

1 Anne-Beale, b. 10 Nov. 1819.

2 Elizabeth, b. 26 Oct. 1822; d. 7 Feb. 1850, *unm.*

3 Mary, b. 13 July, 1824; m. 14 Feb. 1854, Joseph Wadsworth, Esq. of Halifax, in the co. of York, son of the Rev. Abel Wadsworth and Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Mr. James Lister, of Halifax, co. York, builder.

4 Margaret-Clendinning, b. 1 July, 1826.

5 Helen-Coulthart, b. 27 July, 1830; d. 4 May, 1853, *unm.*

i. Agnes, b. 21 Feb. 1772; m. 12 May, 1789, Thomas Hewitson, Esq. of Wigton, co. Cumberland, 2nd son of Richard Hewitson (or Howatson) Esq. of the same place, by whom (who was b. 25 Oct. 1764, and d. 29 April, 1841) she has had issue,

1 Joseph, of Maxwelltown, in the parish of Troqueer, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 17 Oct. 1798; m. 21 Oct. 1822, Janet, dau. of James McMichan, Esq. of Maxwelltown, near Dumfries, and d. s. p. 16 July, 1853.

2 Alexander-Glendinning, of Aikeld-low-House, in the parish of Wigton, and co. Cumberland, b. 4 Oct. 1805.

3 Thomas, of Aikeld-low-House, co. Cumberland, b. 1 Sept. 1807; m. 8 Dec. 1841, Margaret, dau. of Thomas Graham, Esq. of Westlinton, in the parish of Kirkcudbright, and co. of Cumberland, by whom (who d. 29 Nov. 1851) he had an only child, Esther, b. 19 Sept. 1842.

4 John, of Aikeld-low-House, near Wigton, co. Cumberland, b. 1 March, 1810.

5 William-Coulthart, of Cockermouth, in the co. of Cumberland, b. 5 Aug. 1815; m. 18 Nov. 1841, Nancy, dau. of John Nicholson, Esq. of Eskrigg, in the parish of Wigton, and co. of Cumberland, by whom he has,

Thomas, b. 17 Aug. 1844.

William, b. 18 June, 1853.

Priscilla, b. 13 Jan. 1848.

Mary-Anne, b. 31 March, 1846.

Jane, } twins, b. 26 Feb. 1848.

Agnes, }

Elizabeth, b. 5 Sept. 1849.

Margaret, b. 1 Aug. 1851.

1 Mary, b. 15 March, 1798; m. 27 April, 1813, James Stitt, Esq. of Barndennoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, by whom (who d. 3 Sept. 1847) she has had issue,

1 Hugh, b. 6 Aug. 1816, m. 19 Dec. 1840, Miss Rachel

Richardson; 2 John, b. 1 June, 1830, m. 29 May, 1852,

Miss Mary Kirkton; 3 James, b. 4 Sept. 1832; 4 Agnes,

b. 1 Aug. 1814, m. 19 May, 1842, Joseph Fell, Esq.;

5 Janet, b. 21 Dec. 1819, m. 20 May, 1850, George

Steel, Esq.;

6 Margaret, b. 1 April, 1821, m. 15 Nov.

1841, Jacob Stobbert, Esq.;

7 Mary, b. 3 March, 1823,

m. in 1851, William Dunn, Esq.;

8 Helen, b. 4 April,

1826, m. in 1847, William Dixon, Esq.

- 2 Margaret, b. 28 Sept. 1796; m. 1st, 6 June, 1818, William, son of Thomas Richardson, Esq. of Smallholm, in the parish of Lochmaben, and co. of Dumfries, by whom (who d. 17 Sept. 1839) she had issue,
 Thomas, b. 9 June, 1821.
 Johnstone, b. 11 July, 1823.
 William, b. 18 Nov. 1825.
 Joseph, b. 12 Aug. 1830.
 John, b. 14 Aug. 1833.
 Margaret, b. 3 March, 1828.
 Agnes, b. 28 Aug. 1837.
 Mrs. Richardson m. 2ndly, 11 Sept. 1849, William Rooke, Esq. of Wigton, in the co. of Cumberland, by whom she has no issue.
- ii. Helen, b. 7 Oct. 1774; m. 3 Sept. 1801, William Coulthart, of Coulthart and Collyn, Esq., son and heir of William Coulthart, of Coulthart, in the co. of Wigtown, and Largmore, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, chief of the name, and Janet his wife, dau. of Alexander Macnaught, Esq. of Milltown Park, in the parish of Dalry and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom (who d. 7 Oct. 1847) she has issue,
 1 John-Ross, of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the co. of Lancaster, banker, b. 24 June, 1807.
 2 Margaret, b. 9 Nov. 1808; m. 25 March, 1833, James Macguffie, Esq. of Crossmichael, co. Kirkcudbright, eldest son of William Macguffie, Esq. of Lochhill, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and Agnes his wife, dau. of Robert Sloan, Esq. of Whinnysill, in the parish of Lochrutton, and said Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,
 William, b. 12 Oct. 1835.
 John, b. 11 March, 1839.
 James, b. 8 Feb. 1841.
 Thomas, b. 13 Sept. 1843.
 Alexander, b. 28 July, 1851.
 Joseph, b. 17 March, 1854.
 Helen, b. 19 Jan. 1854.
 Agnes, b. 1 Feb. 1857.
 Margaret, b. 15 Sept. 1848.
 Mary, b. 3 July, 1846.
 Catherine-Campbell, b. 17 June, 1849.
- iii. Mary, b. 14 Aug. 1777; m. 10 Nov. 1805, William Brockie, Esq. of Mill House, in the parish of Drytesdale, and co. of Dumfries, and d. s. p. 4 Nov. 1806.
- iv. Margaret, b. 15 Nov. 1782; m. 1 Oct. 1806, William Irving, Esq. of Barndennoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, 2nd son of Christopher Irving, Esq. of Butterthwaite, in the parish of Dalton, in the said co. of Dumfries, by whom (who was b. 23 June, 1758, and d. 10 Jan. 1846) she has had issue,
 1 John, of Boreland, in the parish of Dunscore, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 29 Sept. 1807; m. 29 May, 1848, Jessie, dau. of Adam Stitt, Esq. of Penpont, in the co. of Dumfries, by whom he has issue,
 William, b. 9 May, 1849.
 Adam, b. 10 Nov. 1850.
 John, b. 29 Dec. 1853.
 Margaret, b. 31 March, 1852.
- 2 Christopher, of Blackearne, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 13 Oct. 1809; m. 30 Nov. 1852, Elizabeth, dau. of the late John Anderson, Esq. of Blackearne, by whom he has issue,
 Margaret, b. 6 Nov. 1853.
- 3 William, of Barndennoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, b. 18 Jan. 1812.
- 4 Benjamin, of Ernabrie, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 26 May, 1820.
- 5 Joseph, of Joridieland, in the parish and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 13 Dec. 1822; m. 8 June, 1852, Catherine, dau. of William Pagan, Esq. of Curriestanes, in

the parish of Troqueer, and co. of Dumfries, by whom he has issue,

William, } twins, b. 23 March, 1853.
 Margaret, }

- 1 Mary, b. 24 Nov. 1813; m. 22 Feb. 1848, Robert Graham, Esq. of Westlinton, in the parish of Kirkcudbright, and co. of Cumberland, son of the late Thomas Graham, of the same place, Esq., by whom she has issue,
 Thomas-William, b. 9 May, 1849.
 Robert, b. 23 June, 1853.

- 2 Margaret, b. 24 Feb. 1816, and d. 29 April, 1837, *unm.*
 3 Jessie, b. 29 March, 1818.

Mr. Ross of Dalton d. 6 June, 1813, and was interred in the family burying-ground in Dalton churchyard, his successor being his eldest son,

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Halifax, in the co. of York, b. 18 Feb. 1765; m. 19 May, 1800, Anne, relict of Charles Warner, captain in the royal navy, and dau. of John Walker, Esq. of Knaresborough, in the co. of York, by whom (who d. 18 June, 1828) he had issue,

- i. John, b. 30 Nov. 1802; m. 24 July, 1825, Theodosia, dau. of John Knight, Esq. of Horton, near Bradford, co. York, and d. 9 May, 1826, leaving a posthumous son, who d. *unm.* early in life.

ii. ALEXANDER-GLENDINNING, of whom presently.

- iii. Joseph, of Liverpool, b. 18 Oct. 1810; m. 22 May, 1832, Mary-Jane, 3rd dau. of William Ormerod, Esq. of Toxteth Park, co. Lancaster, and d. s. p. 15 Jan. 1837.

iv. GEORGE, the present representative of the family, of whom hereafter.

- v. William-Henry, a clerk in the Admiralty, London, b. 31 March, 1816; m. 8 March, 1840, Maria, dau. of the Rev. O. Roberts, A.M., of Queenborough, co. Kent.

1. Margaret, b. 5 April, 1801; m. 2 July, 1822, Benjamin Clarke, Esq. of Arnley, co. York, and d. s. p. 17 Nov. 1823.

- ii. Anne, b. 2 Aug. 1804, and d. 21 June, 1817.

- iii. Mary, b. 10 Oct. 1808, and d. *unm.* at Hastings, in the co. of Sussex, 1 Aug. 1847.

Mr. Ross d. 18 Feb. 1829; and was interred in the family vault at Square Chapel, Halifax, his successor being his eldest surviving son,

ALEXANDER-GLENDINNING ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Halifax, in the co. of York, b. 10 March, 1806; m. 10 Dec. 1835, Susannah, 2nd dau. of John Hollingsworth, Esq. of Chelsea, co. Middlesex, and Susannah his wife, dau. of Augustus-Frederick Morgan, Esq. of Morgan Court, Herefordshire, by which alliance Mr. Alexander-Gleddinning Ross had two daus., namely,

- Mary-Anne, b. 1 June, 1837.
 Susan, b. 8 Feb. 1839.

Mr. Ross d. suddenly at Gloucester, 12 June, 1838, without leaving male issue, when the estates and representation of the family devolved upon his eldest surviving brother, the present

GEORGE ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Roseshouse, near Newport, in the co. of Salop, b. at Halifax, in the co. of York, 2 Jan. 1813; m. 25 Dec. 1847, Sarah, dau. of William Parton, Esq. of Norton Hall, near Shiffnal, Shropshire, by whom he has issue,

- Mary-Anne, b. 16 April, 1849.
 Harriet, b. 12 May, 1854.

Arms—Gules, three water-bougets, arg.

Crest—A hawk's head, couped, ppr.

Motto—Think on.

COMPILER'S ATTESTATION.

THE preceding pedigree of the *Rosses of Dalton* has been chiefly compiled from the published genealogical works of Sir Robert Douglas and Sir Bernard Burke, the whole having been brought down to the present time from the personal communications of the existing families recorded in its pages. The information thus obtained I have anxiously endeavoured to arrange in a truthful and perspicuous manner; and IN TESTIMONY of the care that has been exercised to secure these desirable objects, I hereunto subscribe my name, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in the presence of the Right Reverend James Prince, Lord Bishop of Manchester, and of the Reverend Thomas Rothwell Bently, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Incumbent of Saint Matthew's, Manchester.

As witnessed by us,

J. P. MANCHESTER.

THOS. R. BENTLY.

GEO. P. KNOWLES,
Genealogist and Heraldic Artist, Manchester.

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